

Service Date: July 15, 1996

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

\* \* \* \* \*

IN THE MATTER Of The Application	)	
Of Yellowstone Pipe Line Company To	)	
Increase Rates And Charges For Its	)	UTILITY DIVISION
Billings, Montana to Bozeman, Helena,	)	DOCKET NO. D96.1.10
Great Falls, Missoula and Alkali Creek	)	ORDER NO. 5918
Junction Montana Petroleum Products	)	
Common Carrier Pipeline.	)	

\* \* \* \* \*

DEFAULT ORDER GRANTING RATE INCREASE APPLICATION

BACKGROUND

1. On January 30, 1996, Yellowstone Pipe Line Company (Yellowstone or Applicant) filed an Application with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) pursuant to Sections 69-13-101 et seq., MCA, for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase rates and charges to shippers on its Billings, Montana to Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls, Missoula and Alkali Creek Junction, Montana petroleum products common carrier pipeline. The total requested increase is for \$1,002,000, which amounts to an increase of 11% in total annual revenues. Yellowstone has filed new tariffs denoted as Montana PSC No. 29 and Montana PSC No. 30 noting the increase in rates.

2. On May 22, 1996, the PSC issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline. A provision in that notice stated, "Persons interested in and directly affected by the Docket should file a Petition to Intervene with the PSC on or before June 22, 1996." No Petitions to Intervene have been received.

3. Having considered the Application and the documentation furnished by the Applicant in support of its Application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the PSC makes the

following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

4. No petition for intervention has been received.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The PSC has jurisdiction over parties and proceeding in this matter.

2. The resulting rates are just and reasonable.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The approved rates shall be effective for service rendered on and after July 2, 1996.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on this 2nd day of July, 1996, by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY THE ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

---

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

---

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

---

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

---

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

---

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.